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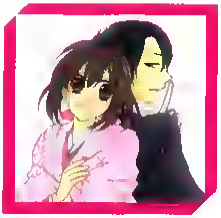

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YES EVERY-ONE, JUST LIKE THAT
THIS IS JUST WHAT I WOULD EXPECT FROM STUDENTS FROM THE HANANOMMI-YA ACADEMY
One, two, three. One, two, three.
THAT IS NOT THE RIGHT STEP!
OHH!! MISS AOI!
SPIN
YOU INEX-PERIENCED GIRL*!!
EH?

*T/N: I try on words (I think) Her name is "Ao" which can mean "green/inexperienced" (Aoi not k n

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THIS IS WHY YOU'RE CALLED MISS "MARUYA DUMPLINGS"
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S WHY YOU SPIN PEOPLE AROUND?!
SORRY ABOUT EARLIER. IT'S JUST THAT I'M BAD WITH DANCING AND THINGS LIKE THAT SO
GOOD GRIEF. I THOUGHT MY WRIST HAD BEEN PULLED OFF!
SCREECH
PLEASE WAIT... TENNOUJI-SA...N!
*Oh a gh...apron. Maruya
just recently we became rich and now live amongst the rich and the powerful
We were dumpling sellers in the lower-lying parts of the city, but
Oh, delicious
And so everyday I continue to get along badly with my classmates
PLEASE EXCUSE US, MISS LADY

KYAA!
What?!
touch
FLOW-ERS ?
THESE FLOWERS ARE CALLED ACHILLEA
THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE EFFECTIVE AT STOPPING PAIN IF THEY ARE RUBBED ONTO AN INJURY
I HOPE THAT THESE HEAL THE PAIN IN YOUR HEART
OH MY
WHAT A REFINED-
REIICHI-ROU!
AOI-S WA.... DID YOU DO IT A-G-A-I-N?

His family was one of the noble families that collapsed after the reformation.
EXCUSE ME MY LADY
He is my teacher who is showing me, who grew up as a merchant, how to handle these rich and powerful people.
THIS IS WHY I ALWAYS HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO PEOPLE
IF YOU DO NOT REMEMBER AT LEAST ONE BALLROOM DANCE THEN
Ah! Geez..! I get it already~
Eh
A SERVANT?! HE BELONGS TO YOU?!
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH IT IS THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE THOUGH
His name is Sonomiya Reichirou.
WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE MARUYA FAMILY WAS A MERCHANT FAMILY THEY NOW PRIDE THEMSELVES ON BEING A STAR IN THE CONFECTIONARY INDUSTRY
I BELIEVE THAT AOI-SAMA WILL BE A LADY TO SUIT THAT NAME

AOI-SAMA THIS ONE TIME?
SO COULD YOU PLEASE FORGIVE
Reiichirou is always like this.
WELL THEN I WILL GO AND CALL FOR A COACH
CALLING ME A "LADY".
Even though he severely scolds me,
if something happens, he runs to my side straight away

blush
AHH WHAT A SLY PERSON
THAT'S HIS WAY OF REALLY SCOLDING ME, ISN'T IT?
ANNOYED
THIS IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE
WHY DOES SOMEONE LIKE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL SERVANT LIKE HIM?
I FITY HIM SO I WILL JUST HAVE TO FORGIVE YOU!
HUH? WHY?
OF COURSE I WOULD FITY HIM FOR HIM TO LOOK AFTER A BARBARIAN WHO CANNOT EVEN DANCE
S SHE S SCARY
I AM SURE HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE EMBARRASSED, RIGHT?
THUMP
BA!
URK!
BULL'S EYE

flinch
EVEN I CAN DO ONE OR TWO BALLROOM DANCES
IT'S REALLY A PIECE OF CAKE!
GRKKK
OHH I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HIM YOU WILL LOWER HIS DIGNITY TOO...
TE-
TENNOUJI-SAN!!
Ohh
TWITCH
IS THAT SO? I AM VERY SORRY I DID NOT KNOW THAT
IF THAT IS THE CASE PLEASE COME TO MY HOUSE ON SUNDAY NEXT WEEK
EH.?
I THINK THAT A COMMONER LIKE ME WILL LOSE FACE IF I AM NOT ABLE TO AT LEAST DANCE BEAUTIFULLY
YOU SEE!
EH.
I DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE YOU DANCE
THERE WILL BE A PARTY SPONSORED TENNOUJI FAMILY
YOU WOULD NOT BE SO UNREFINED AS TO TURN DOWN A FRIEND'S INVITATION WOULD YOU?
YOU ARE A-D-?
EH WELL
THAT'S A LITTLE...

Aoi-sama, your ride is here.
Gasp
Clunk
This is a declaration of war!
Of- of course I will attend...!
Hehehe
Hahaha
I will look forward to it.
Since Reiichirou went to the trouble of standing up for me...
Oh, they are each other's fiancé.
I can't possibly do that...!
Welcome home, big sister!
Reiichirou taught us how to do ballroom dancing today!
Souta 7 years old
Fuuko 7 years old
See, see, look~~ ♡
I see...

I declare impressively that I could dance?
Even though I am actually the worst at dancing!!
sfx. roar
AHHHH!
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE
OH?
YOUR BIG SISTER IS FOCUSED ON BALLROOM DANCING AT THE MOMENT
OF COURSE.
DANCING?
IS THAT...
TWITCH
One, two, three. One, two, three.
TWITCH
I THINK I CAN DO IT QUITE SUCCESS-FULLY!
Oh
sfx. whack
AND I TURN HERE...
AH.
.....
.....
Why...

1
REICHI-KUN!!
PAFUMP
Reichi-kun
Big sister is scary.
Shuddering
KNOCK KNOCK
I HEARD A LOUD NOISE ARE YOU HURT?
AOI-SAMA,
I'M- I'M ALRIGHT
IS THAT SO?
IT IS ALRIGHT IF YOU BROKE SOMETHING ELSE
BECAUSE I WILL GO WITH YOU TO APOLOGIZE TO THE MASTER SO-
JUST HOW MUCH DO YOU NOT TRUST ME?!
I DIDN'T!! IT'S FINE, SO TAKE CARE OF THE TWINS!
click
GOOD GRIEF
HE'S SO OVERPRO-TECTIVE...

Reiichirou came to my house six years ago
IT'S PITCH BLACK
very familiar with it all
WHOOSH
HAHA! DUMPLINGS MARUYA.
DOESN'T SHE SMELL OLD-FASHIONED?
I had only just moved into
a new mansion and a new school, so I wasn't
AOI-SAMA
WELCOME HOME,
HOW WAS SCHOOL?
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO THERE AND PICK YOU UP
Amongst all of that,

I wonder just how reassuring it was to have Reichirou there.
There was only one time that Reichirou fell ill.
whoshhh
ARE YOU OKAY, REICHI-NOU?
EAT THIS.
GASHI
NUMM
MUNCH
He was so weak that although he was always so reliable,
He couldn't even move.
...MM.
gulp
IS IT GROSS? I'M SORRY, I CAN ONLY MAKE THESE...
...DID YOU... MAKE THIS, AOI-SAN?...?
GASH

I LOVE DUMP-LINGS
IF IT IS ALRIGHT WITH YOU... COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE THEM TO ME?
JUST WAIT! I'LL GO AND CALL THE COOK RIGHT NOW...
NO!
Whush
Raichirou smiled and said "they're delicious"
as he ate the dumplings I couldn't make very well.
All of the memories I have with you
are my treasures

That's why...
NO! MISS AOI!!
YOU, MOVE THE OPPOSITE WAY!
OUCH!
spin
OUCH!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!!
YOUR STRENGTH!!!
GYAA!
I want to do my best to suit Reichirou, but.
MISS AOI
Pain
This is worse than I could have imagined..
YOU SHOULD JUST WATCH AND LEARN...!

?
IT SAYS "TAKE A STEP BEFORE YOUR PARTNER TAKES A HALF STEP" JUST WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
I can't let her complain about me
I need to quickly learn this
How troublesome!
AHH~~ GEEZE~~ I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL ...!
WELL OF COURSE THAT WOULD HAPPEN I HAVEN'T BEEN TO PARTIES WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE SO
I HAVEN'T DONE BALLROOM DANCING BEFORE
Because she's an easy to try to get out of it
Eh, You touch them like this.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT
Bff
IT'S FINE IF YOU TAKE ONE GENTLE STEP.
RE-
REICHIROU!

FIRST OF ALL PLEASE JUST BE CONSCIOUS OF WHERE YOU ARE MOVING FROM YOUR KNEES DOWN
SKIP
ONE, TWO, THREE
WHETHER YOU ARE GOING FORWARD OR STEPPING BACKWARDS, MAKE SURE YOU TIPTOE IN THE DIRECTION THAT YOU ARE GOING TO MOVE YOUR BODY
IT IS ALRIGHT TO RELAX YOUR SHOULDERS A BIT, AOI-SAMA
TWITCH
B-BUT IF I MESS UP MY STEPS THEN...
Because a man will be leading you in the actual dance.
YOU RECEIVED A PUPPET FROM THE MASTER, RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT YOU THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD FEEL TO MOVE LIKE THAT DOLL?
Ohh!
IT'S REALLY EASY TO UNDERSTAND...
That's not what to expect of a former noble.
Oh I see! This is what you do..!
IT IS ALRIGHT DO NOT THINK ABOUT BEING SO FORMAL
BECAUSE BALLROOM DANCING IS ABOUT TWO SPIRITS MOVING TOGETHER

Reiichirou's hand is gently
guiding me
PLEASE ENJOY THIS MOMENT,
AND DANCE
SPINS
WAH!
This is fun!

BY THE WAY, AOI-SAMA, WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY PRACTICING YOUR DANCING?
GEH
sfx jolt
OH, YOU SEEM TO BE QUITE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT
AH BECAUSE I ENDED UP AGREEING TO ATTEND A DANCE PARTY THIS SUNDAY
TWITCH
!!
TWITCH
SOMETHING LIKE "IT'S BECAUSE I WANT TO SUIT YOU, REIICHI-KUN"
NOT-
NOT REALLY
suck
AHH?!

IS SOMETHING WRONG, AOI-SAMA?
PLEASE CONCENTRATE
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT!!
He's close!
REIICHIROU... LET GO FOR A MIN-
His eyes...
YES?
SHIVER
And his
breath touching my ear...
I can't...

I can't take any more...
STEAM
AHH... I'M TIRED
HM?
Urk
MY BODY STILL FEELS WARM
YAWN
ME TOO--
MM~~~ REICHI ROU
crumb crumb
YES MASTER
THEN I SHALL HAVE THAT PREPARED BY TOMORROW MORNING
YES
YES, YES.
Let's get you to bed.
...

Relichirou is always like this
HERE,
HAVE A SNACK.
TAP
TH-
SORRY
Ah
Sweat
AOI-SAMA!
TELL ME IF YOU HAVE WORK LIKE THIS PILED UP.
BECAUSE I WON'T KNOW IF YOU COLLAPSE FROM PUSHING YOURSELF
he always
helps me, but
THANKS.
THAT'S NOT IT!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO SAY!
URGHHH
YOU HELPED ME OUT TODAY
The truth is...

If he does any more than this, it will be embarrassing...
chuckle
BATTOU?
AOI-SAMA,
EHH
HAVE YOU BEEN SNACKING?
LOOK
Ah.

THIS WILL BE
A SECRET BETWEEN JUST THE TWO US
GOOD-
AHH
NOW I HAVE DONE SOMETHING DISGRACEFUL TOO
FREEZE
sfx slam
GOOD NIGHT!!
AHH

It was delicious.
Thank you for the meal
Reiichirou touched my fingers
like he did back then
IT'S SWEET..
Thank you for the meal
Back then I was just happy, but..
Why?
Why is it so painful now?

HOW DO YOU DO?
HOW DO YOU DO?
The day of the party..
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I GO TO ONE A TENNOUJI FAMILY PARTY IS SIMPLY WONDERFUL
step step
MIYAKO-SAMA HAS BECOME MORE BEAUTIFUL TODAY
Kyaa
—OH MY
TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE TWO

OH MY...
I WONDER WHO THAT YOUNG WOMAN IS
IF THEY ARE ATTENDING THIS PARTY, THEN
SHE MUST BE SOMEONE WORTHY OF NOBILITY
Ahhh

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HASN'T EVERYONE BEEN WATCHING US FOR A WHILE NOW? WHY?!
I'M SCAREDDD!
Wobble
Wobble
AH—
IT'S SO HARD TO WALK IN HEELS NO!!
WELCOME TO OUR HOUSE AOI-SAN
THIS IS MY OLDER BROTHER, KYOUSUKE
Uroh...
She's appeared.
WHEN I LOOK AT YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT, IT'S AS IF YOU REALLY ARE THE DAUGHTER OF SOMEONE RICH AND POWERFUL
Ah,
THANK YOU THAT MAKES ME HAPPY!
HUH? SHE'S SURPRISINGLY NICE!
embarrassed
She was being sarcastic.
Falls
Blush
WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE WITH ME FOR ONE SONG?
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU AOI-SAN

I WILL BE WATCHING
OVER YOU FROM HERE
THE MOMENT HAS FINALLY ARRIVED...
SHAKE
SHAKE
AOI-SAMA
SPRINKLE
Ahh that's right
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
It's alright.
I can dance.
Dancing

I will enjoy myself just as Reichirou
taught me.
OH MY. LOOK AT THAT PAIR OVER THERE.
OH—
HOW WONDER-FUL.
They stand out.

WHOOSH
EH?
WHAT-
EH?
afx whoosh
KYAA!
Why you
I CAN'T STAND IT!
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT? THAT GIRL
SHE CAN DANCE JUST FINE...!
Th...
There is such a thing as three lovers, isn't there?
Yes?

TENNOUJI-SAN!!
A-
AOI-SAMA!
I'm falling
rip
OWW...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, TENNOUJI-SAN!?
...W-
WHA...
rustle
EH?
gasp
PULL
—AH YOU—
THAT—
WHAT?
I SAVED YOU.
Since normal ways of saying "thank you" won't work, I'll provide it.
WHAT DID YOU DO?!!
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING A LADY SHOULD DO!!
sfx: skid

AH.
THE DRESS IS RIPPED..!!
WH-WHAT DO I DO? WHAT HAVE I DONE ..?
SAEKI!! QUICKLY GET SOMETHING FOR AOI-SAN!
I'M JUST FINE, SEE?
WAIT, TENNOUJI-SAN, CALM DOWN!
THIS IS BAD
NOW I'LL STAND OUT IN A STRANGE WAY!
Oh..
Look.
That girl...
SWOOSH
EXCUSE US.
SHE SPRAINED HER FOOT, SO WE WILL TAKE OUR LEAVE.

Ah.
OR THEY WILL SEE YOUR LEGS.
PLEASE DON'T MOVE AROUND.
REICHI-ROU?! WHAT ARE YOU...
What am I doing..?
AOI-SAMA, WE HAVE REACHED THE MAN-SION.
...SORRY, FOR PUTTING YOU THROUGH THAT EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCE... REICHIROU.
AOI-SAMA?

I didn't think about the consequences and this happened
Haha
EVEN THOUGH I COULD FINALLY DANCE WELL
I WONDER IF THEY'LL THINK I'M NOT SUITED FOR YOU NOW, REIICHIROU
I'm unqualified to be a lady.
EH...

THEN FOR WHOSE SAKE
DID YOU PRACTICE YOUR DANCING FOR, AOI-SAMA?
EH?
GOOD GRIEF
AOI-SAMA. YOU DO NOT NEED TO TRY SO HARD TO DO THINGS THAT YOU CANNOT DO.
I-IT'S TRUE THAT IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE A LADY, BUT
EVEN I
Even if it's just a little bit, I want to be closer to you
THAT IS NOT WHAT I MEANT
YOU ALWAYS CHEERFULLY
SMILE FOR A MEMBER OF A FALLEN HOUSEHOLD LIKE ME.

FOR ME, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE
A CUTE LADY.
Ahh... Yet again, Reiichirou is sly
IF YOU MOVE ANY FURTHER AWAY THAN YOU HAVE, IT WILL BE A PROBLEM FOR ME

There are things that I want to tell you too, but
they all get caught in my chest and I can't say them
After that
TH-THIS ISN'T AN APOLOGY OR ANY-THING
I INVITED YOU SO THAT I COULD EM-BARRASS YOU THIS TIME!
TELL ME WHAT YOUR FA-VORITE FOODS ARE!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGH-ING AT?!
Tennouji-san acted the same as she usually does
HMMM ANOTHER TENNOUJI FAMILY PARTY?
WHAT? YOU DON'T SOUND EAGER
EVEN THOUGH I FINALLY SEEM TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH THE RICH AND THE POWERFUL PEOPLE
NO— IT IS GOOD THAT YOU ARE INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF SCHOOL FRIENDS THAT YOU HAVE BUT—
As for Reichirou...

!?
He's become...
An even more sly person.
I WILL GET JEALOUS IF OTHER GENTLEMEN
SEE YOUR CHARMING POINTS AGAIN
WHO CARES? GEEZ! SOMEONE LIKE YOU IS...!!
Tenshin other people
Haha
I'm serious
PLEASE WAIT, AOI-SAMA
COME ON, AOI-SAMA
MY LADY.

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The dancing crimson
This is the Taisho Era in bloom
GULP GULP GULP
sfx smack
THAT'S RUDE, AOI-SAN!
It's popular for school girls to have maple tree viewing parties
WELL! THIS TEA IS DELICIOUS, TENNOUJI-SAN
AH, OUCH!

Unk...
WELL — THEY ARE NOT HORRIBLE
REALLY ?!
Now now
MORE IMPORTANTLY DO THE DUMPLINGS I MADE SUIT YOUR TASTES?
YOU DO NOT DRINK TEA IN A NORMAL WAY EITHER!
AND YOU STILL CALL YOURSELF A LADY?!
Dumplings are more natural to me than flowers
THAT IS YOUR ONLY REDEEMING QUALITY
Even though it is a viewing party, I'm Maruya Aoi, the daughter of a dumpling seller who came into wealth.
AOI-SAMA.
shuuu
shuuu
CAN YOU LISTEN TO ME? YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE...

He is Sonomiya Reichirou, one of noble blood. And
right now, he is working as my tutor
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE HEADING OUT.
I HAVE A PREPARED A CARRIAGE FOR YOU OVER THERE
REICHIROU ?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
drop
OH MY... ♡
GOOD DAY, TENNOUJI-SAMA
YOU ARE RADIANT AND BEAUTIFUL TODAY TOO.
OHH GOOD DAY REICHIROU-SAMA!
Six Whoosh

OH, AOI-SAMA, ON YOUR HAND
YOU ARE LIKE A CHILD
chuckle
blush
I have spent six years with Reichirou.
While I was not used to living amongst the rich and the powerful,
he always smiled for me and stayed by my side.
And so, I fell in love with him.

For me, you will always be...
a cute lady!
Half a month ago...
The warmth I felt then
disappeared.
...SO IT IS ALREADY AUTUMN?
BECAUSE YOU HAD A MAP AND AN INVITATION SPREAD OUT ON THE TOP OF YOUR DESK
IT WAS EASY TO WORK OUT.
...HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I WENT?

ISN'T IT PRETTY?
I'm sure that was just Reichirou looking after me, so
WHY
DOES HE HAVE SUCH A RELAXED EXPRESSION ?
I'M HOME!
I am the only one who always
gets excited like this

Note: Should be Yamato Nadeshiko -- "personification of an idealized Japanese woman" (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamato_nadeshiko)

I'M NOT ENGLISH
WHO?! WHY IS HE HERE?!
A foreigner ?!
STIFF
chatter
chatter
Nice to meet you……
EH?
I wanted to meet you for a long time…
CHU♡

WH-
GRABS
Hello, Mister..?
I am Aoi-sama's tutor, Reiichirou
You entered this house without a written invitation so..
Just who are you?
REIICHI-ROU...

There is still much that I do not understand.
Ohh! I'm surprised!
I did not think that I would find someone in the Far East that is so skillful at speaking in English.
But...
Step
PLEASE EXCUSE US.
Hi, Japanese is weird.
Hm?
Wait a second The Burchell Company is...
I APOLOGIZE FOR OUR SUDDEN VISIT
EXCUSE US FOR THIS LATE INTRODUCTION I AM OSWALD
AND THIS MAN IS NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE BURCHELL COMPANY GILL BURCHELL
THEY ARE A MAJOR CUSTOMER OF OUR COMPANY!
Mamyas dumplings are delicious ♡
Our father the current president is the one who supported our company so much!

JAPANESE CULTURE! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
...WHA?!
KIKUJI SAID "MY AOI WILL PERFORM A TEA CEREMONY FOR YOU, SO YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY COME AND VISIT"
UMM... GIL-SAMA, YOU MIXED UP THE TYPE OF TEA SO...
EH
HE MIXED IT UP WITH MAKING SIMPLE TEA*!
I'VE NEVER DONE A TEA CEREMONY BEFORE!
THIS PERSON MISUNDERSTOOD!
Note: Tea ceremony (lit. way of tea) is a ritualistic simple tea ceremony
If that's the case, then...
I WILL DO IT
UMM...
I WAS WRONG...?
DOWN
...but he went to the trouble of coming here to a faraway place

!?
Umm
I HAVE TO PREPARE FOR IT SO CAN YOU COME ANOTHER DAY? LIKE THE LAST DAY OF YOUR STAY HERE
AOI-SAMA, WHAT ARE YOU
REALLY ?!
THEN THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW!
I WILL COME AGAIN AOI!
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW ?
shut
The day after tomorrow

IN A TEA CEREMONY
THERE IS A STRICT WAY OF MAKING TEA THAT YOU MUST FOLLOW IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE BEAUTIFUL AND EFFICIENT
FOR EXAMPLE WHEN YOU ARE MAKING THE TEA LIKE THIS,
YOU MOVE THE TEA WHISK WHILE HOLDING IT VERTICAL AND LASTLY YOU SWIRL IT AROUND AS THOUGH YOU ARE DRAWING A SWIRL
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
I-
MY LEGS ARE NUMB !!
CRACK
THAT AMOUNT IS !.
STOP
SCR
YOU'RE FOLDING THE CLOTH THE WRONG WAY!
RUB

thud...
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE READY BY THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...!
...TO HAVE TO REMEMBER ALL THESE THINGS IS
The day after tomorrow is too soon!
I'LL STIR THE TEA FOR NOW!
That's all I need to make it...
SWOOSH SWOOSH
AHH YOU CANNOT DO IT LIKE THAT.
YOU MUST PUT YOUR FEELINGS
Air
Water
Tea
Up and/ down
Side to side
IF YOU DO NOT USE THE WHISK TO MIX THEM TOGETHER, THE WATER AND THE TEA WILL NOT NEATLY FOAM.
THERE IS A REASON YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE TEA PROPERLY
Oh
INTO THE CUP OF TEA YOU ARE GIVING SOMEONE
Think about...

LET'S SEE HOW YOU DID
the recipient..
BADUP
BADUP
YES
.....YOU HAVE QUITE A SKILL.
THANK GOODNESS! EAT SOME SWEETS, TOO! EAT!
YES, I AM A LITTLE SURPRISED TOO
THOUGH YOUR MANNERS ARE STILL CLUMSY
REALLY?!
ぱくぱく

I USED TO MAKE DUMPLINGS WITH YOU IN THE PAST, DIDN'T I, REICHIRO-U?
I WAS AWKWARD AROUND MY SCHOOL FRIENDS SO THEY WOULD TEASE ME. SO I WANTED TO SHOW THEM THAT I COULD MAKE DUMPLINGS, BUT I COULDN'T MAKE THEM AT ALL
SO THEN, YOU...
YOU ARE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE.
YOU KNOW, I--

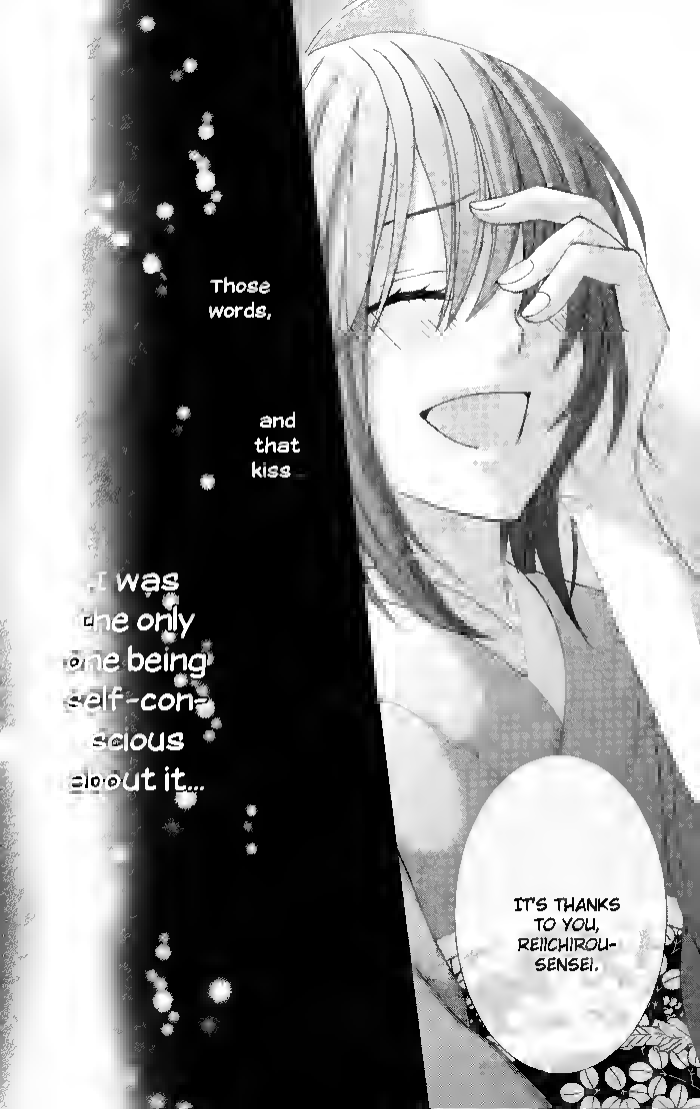
I FEEL LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING
WHEN I'M WITH YOU, REIICHIROU.
So I'm sure
the tea ceremony as well, will...
SILENCE
...HUH? IT SUDDENLY BECAME QUIET...
THIS IS AWK-WARD!
N-NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THE TEA IS BITTER. SO I WONDER IF GILL-SAN WILL BE OKAY WITH IT?!
THE FLAVOR THAT FOREIGN-ERS TASTE WHEN THEY FIRST DRINK IT IS...

ONLY YOU
BADUM
EH?
squeeze
RE-
ICHIRO

ALRIGHT! SOU GOT HERE FIRST!
NO WAY! FUU IS THE STAR BECAUSE SHE WAS FAST!!
ばちゃ!!
six ham
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
N-NOTHING AT ALL!!
THAT SURPRISED ME...!!
ばっ
six jump
THAT'S RIGHT I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF STUDYING!
WHY WAS I THINKING OF SUCH SHAMELESS THINGS...!!
...
six blush
NOW NOW!
YOU TWO ARE AS FAST AS EACH OTHER.
YOUR BIG SISTER IS IN THE MIDDLE OF STUDYING RIGHT NOW SO PLEASE KEEP QUIET

Back then.
RE-
AH, YEAH. IT'S A NEW ONE!
DID YOU MAKE THIS DUMPLING AOI-SAMA?
IT SEEMED LIKE YOU LIKED MAPLE LEAVES, SO
I WONDERED IF I COULD DO IT
I SAID IT...

...THAT IS JUST LIKE YOU, AOI-SAMA. BECAUSE YOU HAVE A HOSPITABLE HEART.
...Ahh, that's right.
I AM PROUD OF YOU, TOO.
I knew it, but...
THROB
THROB
...THANK YOU.


Those words,
and that kiss...
...I was the only one being self-conscious about it...
IT'S THANKS TO YOU, REIICHIROU-SENSEI.

Now, then...
You did not just come here to drink tea.
You are going to be observing her too
You will be observing her closely while thinking about the contract from here on-
HAWAI
I know that they will not cut any corners just because I am a foreigner.
excited
Today's the day!
I'm looking forward to meeting Aoi
May I speak, Gill-sama?
Just who do you think I am, Oswald...?

WELCOME TO OUR HOME.
GILL-SAMA, OSWALD -SAMA
I don't understand English at all, but

For the time being, smile.
WELL THEN, I SHALL NOW POUR YOU SOME TEA
I'VE ALREADY MADE A MISTAKE!!
AOI-SAMA, PREPARE THE SWEETS FIRST
invade
explode
CALM DOWN
CALM DOWN IT IS ALRIGHT
S-SORRY, PLEASE HAVE THESE

THINK ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE
GOING TO SERVE WHILE MIXING THE TEA
Ahh
glug
glug
Think about Gil-san
THIS IS DIFFERENT

AH, IT'S BECAUSE I PUT MILK IN IT!
WHAT IS THIS? THE TASTE IS DIFFERENT FROM ITS USUAL TASTE
IT'S MELLOW AND—
MI-?!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF THE TEA WAS NOT TO YOUR LIKING STRAIGHT AWAY BECAUSE THE TEA IS BITTER..
Though, it could be harmful
IF IT IS ALRIGHT, THEN
NEXT TIME I WILL PUT WATER IN IT AND-
HEH
HAHAHA!
I ADMIT DEFEAT!
TWITCH
It is as if the way you make tea is a tempered blade!
HOW IS IT? CAN YOU DRINK IT?

YOU ARE QUITE SKILLED
HOW WONDER-FUL!
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT HEART FOR TEA BY "THINKING ABOUT YOUR RECIPIENT WHILE YOU MIX YOUR TEA"
I DID IT...
TOUCH

AND ALSO, AOI,
YOU ARE THE MOST WONDERFUL OF THEM ALL
OH,
WHAT DO I DO...?
WAI—
WHAT IS THIS?! I CAN'T PULL AWAY FROM HIM BECAUSE HE'S A GUEST !
GI-GILL-SAN?!
OHHH?!
Please

GILL-SAMA,
A MAIDEN'S LIPS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE
I BEG YOU, PLEASE HAVE SOME SELF-RESTRAINT.
RE-
!

squeeze
He...
ALRIGHT NOW.
Reiichi-rou...
thought
about
me.
squeeze
Um... I believe you are... A servant?

You only look at me as your student,
which is frustrating, but...
Also-- the way you treat her
does not look like a way a tutor would treat a student.
What a waste!
I am sure you could follow a different path than one in which you are used by others
stare stare
Thank you very much.
"Right now,
I'm fine with that.
I am satisfied with this path--for now.

REIICHI-ROU
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT JUST THEN?
Wasn't it a bit long?
IT WAS ABOUT YOU RECEIVING A PERFECT SCORE
The first thing
Though, I do not know
what will happen from now on.

I want to do, is
live up to your expectations
AHH—
tap
tap

I WONDER WHY GILL-SAN SAID THAT...
WELL, I'M GLAD IT TURNED OUT ALRIGHT IN THE END
I WILL RETURN VERY SOON!
I WILL NOT LOSE!
I'll be back!!

On book: Administration Management

Even though he's still far away from me now..
HIS INTELLIGENCE IS ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL TO MINE
AS I THOUGHT
"A maiden's lips are more important than anything else"
AH, HIS HAIR IS STICKING UP
I will become a more wonderful lady than anyone else, so
I'm sure that, soon...

So...

SLAM
WHA
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
WHAT DID I JUST...
DO...?
Remember that, Reiichirou.
...GOOD GRIEF
THAT GIRL...

I will be a maiden in love because life is short!

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I know you have school and work but you need to work on this too!
.....
.....
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The skis shine on the snow covered ground
This is the Taisho period's winter...
KYAA!
WAH!
roll roll roll
KYAAA! BIG SISTER ?!
KYAAAAA! OUT OF THE WAY, OUT OF THE WAY, OUT OF THE WAY.....!!

soaked...
Hmm
I CAN'T TURN CORNERS VERY WELL
OH MY WHAT AN INDECENT WAY FOR A LADY TO FALL
IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF A FAMILY WHO CAME INTO THEIR RICHES
Gardeners Grasscutters
BADUMP
THEY ARE CORRECT.
I'm Maruya A-i, a daughter of a dumpling seller who rose from the merchant class.
This is the first time that I have experienced skiing
Winter sports that were passed onto us from the West are now popular amongst ladies
E-EVERYONE ELSE CAN MOVE WELL EVEN WHILE WEARING THOSE UNIFORMS !
shift shift
AOI-SAMA!

Reiichi-rou!
Crunch Crunch
Are you hurt?
Fuwwwsh
Please put more strength into the leg that is closest to the turn. Before you make the turn, Aoi-sama.
If your body bends, you will end up falling over.
He is Sono-miya Reiichi-rou.
He came from a noble family and he is working as my tutor
Now, Aoi-sama please give me your hand
Oh my, that person is cool...!
I wonder what family he belongs to
Sorry, Reiichirou. Even though you went through the trouble of teaching me...
Aoi is cute

YOU ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN THAT.
DOKIMP
But, I keep these feelings a secret from him.
I fell in love with him.
He has always been kind to me, staying by my side. And so,
I have spent six years with Reiichirou.

AHH, HIS HAND IS—
WARM
I thought that I would do my best to suit Reichirou, who
is perfect in every way, but...
Ev-Even though we were having a good moment...
Yes yes
Reichirou, I'm tired!
FUU AND SOU WANT TO PLAY WITH REICHIROU TOO!!
AH— NO FAIR, BIG SIS!
THAT MAN MUST HAVE A TOUGH TIME...
HE HAS TO TAKE CARE OF THREE CHILDREN.
Chuckle
Chuckle

Hm? Did she say three children...?
KYAA!
Whoosh
Hm?
WHAT'S THAT NOISE ABOUT...?
AOI-SAMA!
KAHOOSE

WAH!
OH, MY BAD. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU!
HOW DANGEROUS ...!!
LONG TIME NO SEE
AOI
Eh...

WHA
WHO ARE YOU-
NGH!
YOU'RE AS FORGETFUL AS ALWAYS! DON'T GO FORGETTING ABOUT YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND!!
CK
SAMA-NII?!
Hm?
This sensation..
AH
SA-
MA-NII___?
DIDN'T YOU LEAVE TO STUDY ABROAD SEVEN YEARS AGO? SAMA-NII...
Samasuke-nichan is the son of one of father's friends who also came into wealth
I used to play with him a lot

LISTEN, AOI! THOSE WORDS MEAN NOTHING AT ALL!
YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE! COMING INTO WEALTH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT
HUH? THEY'RE MAKING FUN OF YOU BECAUSE YOU CAME INTO WEALTH?
STUN!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO CRY ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
SHOCK
IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, THEN HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH!
Sema-nii was always bold
and cool, so
YEAH!

I thought of him as though he was really my older brother.
THAT SURPRISED ME! SO YOU HAVE A VILLA AROUND HERE TOO SAMA-NII?
AT THE MOMENT, I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO HERE.
THEY SAID THAT YOU WERE COMING HERE SO I WENT TO SEE YOU.
STUFF!
I HOLD HALF OF THE AUTHORITY FOR NAOI NOW
BUSINESS? OHH... THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING AN ADU-
I'm not just like an adult I am!
I SEE
Ahh
This part of him hasn't changed.
YOU DID USE TO SAY ALL THE TIME THAT YOU WANTED TO QUICKLY HELP OUT YOUR FATHER WITH WORK.
YOU ARE JUST AS AMAZING AS I THOUGHT SAMA-NII!

CHUCKLE
WAHH...
...YOU, TOO.
YOU'VE BECOME QUITE PRETTY
HUHH?!
EXCUSE ME
AOI-SAMA, PLEASE USE THIS IF YOU WISH

IT WOULD BE HORRIBLE IF YOU WERE TO CATCH A COLD
BECAUSE YOUR SHOES BECAME WET IN THE SNOW NOT SO LONG AGO
IT IS A HOT WATER BOTTLE
HUH..?
WHAT'S THIS?
drip
BLUSH
HEY AOI WHO IS THAT?
OHH.
A TEACHER. HUH...?
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LATE INTRODUCTION. I AM WORKING AS AOI-SAN'S TUTOR.
MY NAME IS SONOMIYA REIICHIROU.

HEY, AOI, LET'S GO SKIING AGAIN
SINCE YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO THE MOUNTAINS
IT IS BEST IF OI-SAN RESTS FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
SINCE I AM SURE THAT SHE IS QUITE TIRED
LADIES THESE DAYS SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO SKI
FREEZES
AND I PREFER WOMEN WHO KNOW HOW TO MOVE ABOUT
A LADY!!
I'LL DO IT!!
AOI-SAMA!
PAT
ROARRR

DON'T GET IN THE WAY,
MR. TUTOR.
YOU'RE A LITTLE ANNOYING
ROOOARR
If I am able to ski, then
I can become one step closer to being a lady suitable for Reiichirou

One hour later
OR SO I SAID BUT
exhausted
I'LL DO THIS NO MATTER WHAT!
slide
DEPRESSED
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?!
You fell on your head just then
I forgot how I_x-tr_m_ly clumsy I am...
wobble...
I'M ALRIGHT. I'M ALRIGHT ...
smack
AHH!
!!
GEEZ GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING IT.
SPLASH

fwoosh
WAH
I'M HEAVY, SAMA-NII!
DO YOU THINK I WANT TO SEE CUTE AOI GET HURT ANY MORE THAN THIS?
lift
WAHH!
WE'LL SKI DOWN LIKE THIS
THERE YOU GO AGAIN ABOUT ME BEING CUTE
I'M SERIOUS
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU
AND I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AGAIN
YOU'RE CUTE
I'M SERIOUS ENOUGH ABOUT IT THAT I WANT TO MAKE YOU MY WIFE
KISS

Relichirou is...
It's rare for me to be turn down.
WHAT? I'M NO GOOD?
WH-WH-WHAT?! SAMA-NI?!?!
BLUSHHH
WH-
I-I-IT'S NOT THAT, IT'S JUST THAT I..
I'M SURE THAT YOU WANT TO SAY THAT YOU LIKE THAT TUTOR OF YOURS, BUT—
AOI
THAT ISN'T LOVE,

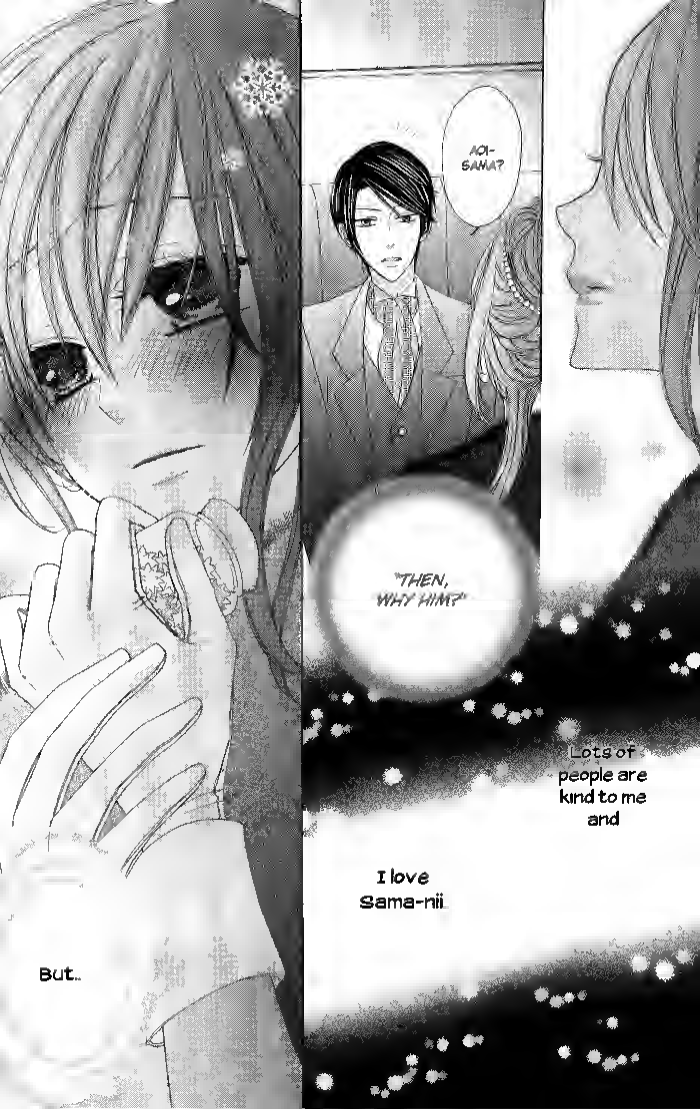
.....
HE'S BEEN WITH YOU SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE.
THERE'S NO HELPING THAT YOU'D MAKE A MISTAKE ABOUT THOSE FEELINGS WITH SOMEONE YOU ARE CLOSE TOO.
Huh?
THAT'S NOT...!
REALLY?
THEN, WHY HIM?
TO ME, IT JUST SEEMS LIKE
YOU'RE PLAYING MAKE-BELIEVE WITH HIM, LIKE A CHILD
That
is
WHOOSH

COME TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT
WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME TALKING ABOUT IT OVER DINNER
WELL, IT'S FINE
That's not true
Even though I wanted to say
that this feeling I have is love
AOI-SAMA ?
AOI-SAMA.
HE WAS CARRYING YOU DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?!
Why?

...AND SO, YOU MUST HAVE GOOD MANNERS EVEN AMONGST FRIENDS.
PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP THESE MANNERS DURING YOUR MEAL.
TAKE HIS HAND WHILE YOU TALK TO HIM AND-
-SAMA ...
AOI-SAMA.
GASP
S-SORRY. I SPACED OUT.
PLEASE OPEN YOUR MOUTH, AOI-SAMA.

Why couldn't I give him an answer?

IT'S SWEET!
IT IS CONFET-TO.
IT IS CUTE AND LOOKS LIKE SNOW.
IT REALLY DOES!
mm
push
THANK GOODNESS
UNTIL JUST NOW, I SAW THAT YOU HAD A SAD EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE
HAVE YOU CHEERED UP?


AOI-SAMA?
"THEN, WHY HIM?"
Lots of people are kind to me and
I love Sama-nii.
But..

There is no one else who can make my feelings overflow
like ha does...
YO! AOI YOU ACTUALLY CAME!
grabs
WELL COME ON, COME ON! I HAD THEM MAKE EVERYTHING THAT YOU LIKE!
I THANK U FOR ATION U GAVE ME TOO...
WE'RE SORRY, BUT MAY WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE YOUR LEAVE?
WAHH... WAIT, SAMA-NII, I HAVEN'T GIVEN YOU MY GREETING!
THOSE THINGS / IS ANNOYING!!
whoosh

WOWWW! AMAZING!!
YEAH. EAT UP.
HURRAY! I WONDER WHICH ONE I SHOULD TRY! HEY, REIICHI-ROU...
SILENCE...
...HUH?!
WHY DID...
WHY? WELL I DIDN'T INTEND ON INVITING HIM OVER ANYWAY
OH THE LEFT
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT WHERE IS REIICHIROU...?

HAVING AN ANNOYING TAG-ALONG IS AN EYESORE.
THUMP
BAM
Some-thing
like that is
THAT'S RIGHT, AOI. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE SNOW IS PRETTY HEAVY. SO
STAY OVER TONIGHT...

I WILL BE TAKING MY LEAVE TOO
HUH?!
HEY, WAIT WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY-
SMACK
THE SAMA-N!! I KNOW WOULD NEVER SAY SUCH CRUEL THINGS
I WILL NOT FORGIVE ANYONE WHO HURTS SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO ME!

I have to get home, quickly
WHAT AM I DOING .?
SHIT
Quickly
SAMA-SUKE-SAMA?!

To where Reiichirou is...
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A CARRIAGE TO GO THROUGH THIS BLIZ-

KYAAAA!
JUST A LITTLE MORE... IF I GO DOWN A LITTLE BIT MORE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH THE HOUSE...
WWOOSH
WWOOSH
WWOOSH
WHACK
AH.
WAHH! THE STICK IS!
WAIT!
Slideeeeee
WAIT!

...YES, THIS IS THE MARUYA RESIDENCE
RINGG
OH, NAOI-SAMA...?
I THOUGHT THAT AOI-SAMA WAS STILL WITH...
RINGG
...EH...?
THE SKIIS... BROKE...
OOHHHH
OWW
IT'S GOOD THAT I STOPPED, BUT...

thud
JUMP
This is bad
I wonder how much more snow will pile up
I wonder if I'll be able to get home
rustle
IT'S COLD
What do I do?
I'm scared...

AOI-SAMA!
RE-
huff huff
REIICHI... ROU...?
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
ARE YOU HURT?!
YOU BROKE YOUR SKIIS!
crunch
crunch

SHE
I AM SURE YOU ARE COLD. PLEASE TAKE THIS
EH?
I-IT'S FINE! IF I DO THAT THEN YOU WILL BE COLD SO
PUT IT ON!
TWITCH
WAH!
!
PLEASE HOLD ONTO MY NECK.
GO.

REIICHI-ROU,
YOUR HANDS ARE BRIGHT RED...
THANK GOOD-NESS
YOU ARE SAFE...

Ahh...
I like
Reiichirou
I love him.
Rei...
Reiichirou...

who always,
always saves me with those hands...
The only one
or say well
I cannot convey
You notice the feelings
Is Reiichirou...
Don't let me go
I WILL NOT LET YOU GO

He's warm.
Ahh.
I WILL NEVER LET YOU GO.
THIS IS REIICHIROU. HE WILL BE YOUR TUTOR FROM NOW ON
Hyoo
WAHH! WAIT... REIICHI-ROU!
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOU ARE NOT EVEN ABLE TO WALK IN HIGH HEELS?
NO WAY
HEY, ISN'T THAT SONOMIYA?

SHH
DON'T SAY SUCH CARELESS THINGS
HOW SAD. EVEN IF HE WAS THE NUMBER ONE PRODIGY IN SCHOOL, HE'S JUST NORMAL PERSON NOW THAT HE'S A FALLEN NOBLE.
AND HE HAS TO TAKE CARE OF THAT CHILD WHO HAS NO REFINEMENT...
dash
AOI-SAN...?!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?! YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HURTING JUST NOW!
EH?
REI!CHIROU!
WAIT, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS IN PAIN, AREN'T YOU?!
REALLY? ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?!
EH?! YES, I AM FINE!
Those sisters...

THEN. THAT'S GOOD
REICHIROU?! IT'S FINE! AND EVERYONE'S WATCHING...!
I DO NOT CARE
WOAH!
IT'S GOOD TO TOUCH SOMEONE LIKE THIS WHEN THEY ARE IN PAIN
MY MOTHER TOLD ME THIS
I WONDER IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL A LITTLE BETTER.

AOI SAMA IS A LOT MORE
IMPORTANT
No matter when,
this warmth has
Always meant everything to me
EXCUSE ME,
CAN YOU PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO AOI?

MORNING, SAMA-N!!! LOOK, LOOK! I CAN SK!! NOW!
WOOSH
JUMP
PLEASE TELL HER THAT I APOLOGIZE FOR YESTERDAY AND...
AHH!
THANK GOODNESS!
I WONDER IF REIICHIROU WILL BE PLEASED NOW.
Even though I was determined to come here and apologize to you
?
... YOU REALLY ARE FORGETFUL OR RATHER, HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...!?
REALLY?!
WELL, YOU REALLY HAVE GOTTEN BETTER, HAVEN'T YOU?
Shineee
YEAH, THAT'S JUST WHAT I EXPECT FROM MY TR...

It's true that I am
still a kid, but...
...GEEZ. I STAND NO CHANCE GAINST HIM.
These feelings mean everything to me right now.
EH—
THE GAME IS EXTENDED.
BECAUSE LEAVING IT LIKE THIS WOULDN'T BE FAIR
SAMASUKE-SAMA! IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO RETURN TO THE COMPA-NY—
YEAH! I'M COMING. I'M COMING!
OH NAOI-SAMA
YOU WERE HERE —?
grabs

HURRY UP AND RISE AS FAR AS ME, SONOMIYA.
My mind and soul in this small body,
become stronger from thoughts of you.
leans
AHH, THAT IS...
You seemed like you were really getting along!
HEY, REIICHIROU! WHAT DID YOU TWO TALK ABOUT THIS TIME?

IT IS A SECRET UNTIL YOU BECOME AN ADULT.
DEAR
Ahh
I want to
hurry up and become an adult.
WHA...?!
WHA...
I want to tell you
my secret!

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I HAVE TO GIVE THEM A LECTURE AT LEAST ONCE
SIR, WE HAVE ARRIVED
crash
GEEZ THAT IDIOT
The light pink flowers flutter about

It's spring
In the Taisho era
SNA—
OUCH!!
AHH
HEY, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME TO TAKE A BREA—
WE WILL START AGAIN FROM THE BEGINNING
I'm Maruya Aoi, a daughter of a dumpling seller who rose from the merchant class.
I'm studying to become a lady so that I can live amongst the rich and powerful people
Ohhhh
IT CUT ME BECAUSE I PUT TOO MUCH STRENGTH INTO IT
THE LAST IMPRESSION YOU HAVE TO GIVE THEM IS THAT IT IS AS IF SAKURA BLOSSOMS ARE FLUTTERING ABOUT
WHEN YOU DO THAT, YOU NEED TO PLAY THE LEFT SIDE A BIT MORE...
HEY, HEY, WAIT, REIICHIROU!!
KYAA
AAA!

He is my tutor,
Sonomiya Reiichirou.
WHAT IS IT?
His lessons are quite strict.
Smile
BUT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TO PLAY? THIS IS THE FIFTH TIME I HAVE SHOWN YOU HOW TO DO IT.
PLEASE PLAY CLOSE ATTENTION.
Eeek!
WHAT A PRETTY SOUND!
He was once a noble himself,
so he is knowledgeable about many things.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
HERE YOU PLAY...
This is not all he can do
He knows about ballroom dancing, tea ceremonies and even skiing.
YOU'RE AMAZING REIICHIROU.

WHO KNOWS?
I WONDER IF I WAS
AH
slide
He slipped.
AS I THOUGHT WERE YOU AN HONOUR STUDENT IN THE PAST, REIICHIROU?
SHE SAID "EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOT A NOBLE HE IS A RATHER CAPABLE MAN"
TENNOUJI-SAN PRAISED YOU AGAIN JUST THE OTHER DAY!
That was arson Tennouji-san who rarely praises anyone!
IS THAT SO
IF MY PAST EXPERIENCES CAN BE USED AS STRENGTH TO HELP YOU THEN.
I AM HAPPY, AOI-SAMA
Since six years ago,
Reiichirou has

squeeze
always allowed me to rely on him because
I am unskilled, but
I want to quickly become
IF REIICHIROU DISAPPEARED, I
a lady for his sake someday...
AOI-SAMA...
however
I soon realized
that someday is an uncertain future.
step
step
step

HEY! YOUR FATHER HAS RETURNED HOME!!
Kyaa!
BAM!!
I'VE BROUGHT SOME SOUVENIRS FROM FRANCE—
...NN!!
It is something that could quickly crumble
DROP

WE WILL BE HAVING A PARTY HERE NEXT WEEK TO CELEBRATE
THE OPENING OF OUR NEW BUSINESSES.
I HAVE RETURNED TO TALK TO YOU AS THE HEAD OF MARUYA.
GLARE
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
HERE YOU GO
And then, put some hot water and the tea leaves in a small teapot.
Then, pour it and relax a little an even taste.
UMM, IT IS HIGH QUALITY GREEN TEA SO...
I put some hot water in these tea leaves
YESSS!
AOI
TEA!!
AH, IF IT IS TEA YOU WANT THEN—
YOU JUST SIT THERE REICHI, YOU!!
OKAY

...HMM
NOW, ABOUT WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, AOI
WOULD YOU PLAY ONE SONG ON THE KOTO FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE PARTY?
HUH?
DON'T "HUH" ME!
What...I thought he would be angry that I hadn't been studying properly.
Thank goodness...
Y-YES! I WILL DO MY BEST!!
NOW, REICHIROU
YOU WILL BE DISMISSED AS HER TEACHER WHEN THE PARTY IS OVER

SHOVE
Eh?
THE TWO OF US WILL TALK ABOUT THE DETAILS, SO
YOU CAN GO AND PRACTICE
H—
WAIT A SECOND! FATHER?! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
Huhh?!
Relieving him
DON'T ARGUE.
I MEAN JUST WHAT I SAID.
I'M RELIEVING HIM FROM BEING YOUR TUTOR!!
B-BUT THAT'S CRUEL!
EIICHIROU HAS BEEN WITH ME FOR SIX YEARS, RIGHT?! BUT YOU—
Could it be
That what happened just before caused this?!!

Suddenly telling him to
"Leave" is...
AOI,
I TREASURE MY OWN CHILDREN
IF THE TWINS' FUTURE IS DEPENDING ON THIS, THEN
I WANT SOMEONE TO GUIDE THEM INTO THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO GET INTO A GOOD SCHOOL
BUT IF YOU STILL HAVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT IT, THEN
TELL ME AFTER YOU PASS YOUR STUDIES!
THOUGH
YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT

SHUT
NOW— THEN
SHALL WE TALK ABOUT THIS, REIICHIROU?
CRUSH
CHILDREN SHOULD STAY QUIET AND DO WHAT THEY ARE TOLD.
JUST WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
It's my fault
that Reiichirou will be dismissed
I definitely don't want that!

I wil pass my classes
WELCOME BACK, BIG SISTER.
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SOUTA! FUUKO! I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU!!
I definitely won't let him kick out Reiichirou!
I will succeed at the party and
then I will talk to my father about it
and say, It was thanks to Reiichirou that I was able to do this much

IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO PLAY IT SO WELL!
WOW~
Even though I say that~
Well, things are going as expected
It's already big sister's because I'll teach you how to read the sheet music!
Ah! Fuu too! Fuu too!
The sheet music.
I can't read
JUST DOING THIS IS EASY!!
FUUKO!!
SNAP
LIKE YOUR LEFT HAND TO GENTLY PULL ON THE 7TH STRING WHEN YOU PLAY IT AND
DO YOUR BEST TO DO THIS WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE LEFT SIDE~
HMM~
KOKUAN NO SHIRABE
But I won't lose!
Already Bored
SORRY YOU TWO GO AND PLAY
Or an end time reservation
BIG SISTER! IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE A BREAK AND PLAY WITH US!
DING NUK NUK
Now I need to remember how to put them...
BUT IF I DO THIS THEN I CAN'T PULL THE STRINGS!
OHH.

Musical score source: Miyagi Michio's work "Koto Music Rokudan no Shirabe / Kumoi Rokudan"

Since then,
I haven't been able to have any lessons with Reiichirou...
AHH! I STILL CAN'T GET THIS TUNE
WHY?!
SLIDE, PLUCK, SLI-DE.....
REIICHIROU HAS BEEN MONOPOLIZING FATHER ALL THIS TIME TOO SO !
WE'RE BORED!
Even though I
only have to walk a little further,
I can't do it well.
WELL THEN I HAVE TO STEP OUT FOR A BIT
DO YOUR BEST NOT TO SAY ANYTHING UNNECESSARY TO AO!
YES

knock knock
Actually it sounds like someone's caught in a mustard trap!
HMM. I WAS SURE THAT THIS PART WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TREMELO... BUT
THE SOUND SEEMS KIND OF ROUGH.
Reiichirou!!
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN FOREVER!
EH?
WHAT...
Your nails will end up going diagonally so make sure you straighten them And place your index finger above your thumb
That's ...
SHH...

REICHIROU, WAIT...
"Good luck."

"Children should stay quiet and do what they are told."

I depend on your kindness.

a lady someday,

So that I can become

I want to be an adult right now
Or at least adult enough to protect you...

knock knock
GASP
AOI-SAMA?!
SHHH!
I WILL NOT "SHH"! THIS IS THE SECOND FLOOR, IS IT NOT?!"
And so, it's one week later on the day before the party...
WHAT IS WRONG? FOR YOU TO DO SUCH A DANGEROUS THING IS—
THERE IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU NO MATTER WHAT—
UM, WELL
I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE SURE THAT TOMORROW IS A SUCCESS, SO—
THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO PACK!

BECAUSE— THIS HOUSE IS ALREADY YOUR HOUSE AS WELL, REIICHIROU
HUH?
AH...
AOI-SAMA, YOUR HANDS...?
THEY SORT OF BECAME LIKE THIS WHILE I WAS PRACTICING—
GASP
squeeze
YOU ARE PUSHING YOURSELF AGAIN.
IT'S ALRIGHT! BECAUSE I CAN ALREADY PLAY IT PERFECTLY THANKS TO YOUR ADVICE!!
I accidentally let it slip because I was feeling uneasy!
IT WILL BE FINE TOMO-RRROW!

HEY REIICHIROU, ARE YOU AWAKE...?
KNOCK KNOCK
!!
JUMP
FATHER?! W-WH-WHAT DO I
AOI-SAMA! THIS WAY...!
CREEK
WHAT YOU'RE NOT ASLEEP ARE YOU, REIICHIROU?
This is dange-rous !!
It will be really bad if... he sees me!
SO-
OH IS THAT SO? SORRY ABOUT THAT
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS PART OF THE OVERSEAS CONTACT
SCRATCH SCRATCH
SORRY. I HAVE A BIT OF A HEADACHE, SO...
Th-

OH NO HE'LL PROBABLY HEAR MY HEART BEAT
SLOW
SLOW
I'LL MOVE A BIT CLOSER TO HIS BACK
MM
TWITCH
But more importantly...
b-b-dump
b-b-dump
He's so close.
b-b-dump
b-b-dump
I made him get excited..
T-THAT IS NO PROBLEM AT ALL!
EASY
b-b-dump
b-b-dump
REALLY ?
b-b-dump
Ahh..
But...
It's been awhile since I've been next to Reiichirou's back

It's wide
and warm
and soothing
SORRY FOR WAKING YOU.
...WELL TOMORROW IS YOUR LAST DAY SO
BE PREPARED FOR IT.
REIICHIROU! YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT!
I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE SO IT'S ALL RIGH—
Sigh
GEEZ FATHER!
He's saying that again.

...AOI-SAMA...
I REALLY...

shove
I-I'LL BE GOING TOO!!
THEN, SEE YOU TOMO-RROW!
Dash
AOI-SAMA?! THAT'S DANGER.
...I WAS ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T
huff
huff
I can't get used to this no matter how many times I've experienced it.

No matter what type of social meeting it will be,
it will be nothing compared to
OH NO...
being alone in a room with Reichirou
THIS IS A SPECIAL DAY, IS IT NOT?
FOR MARUYA TO BECOME THIS HUGE AS WELL...
WEL-COME
EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING

NOW THEN, AOI WILL PERFORM HER FIRST SONG FOR YOU.
DID HE HAVE SUCH AN ELEGANT DAUGHTER ...?
WELL I'M SURE WHEN I SAW HER BEFORE SHE WAS A BIT MORE...
I AM MARUYA SAKUJI'S ELDEST DAUGHTER, AOI
BEFORE THAT,
HELP YOURSELF TO THIS SPECIALISED SAKURA MOCHI!
THEY ARE ONLY MODEST SWEETS BUT I MADE THEM MYSELF.
WE ARE INDOORS BUT PLEASE RELAX AS YOU ALL YOU ARE WATCHING THE FLOWERS UNDER A BLUE SKY OUTSIDE
THAT'S
One-by-one

I WILL DO MY BEST WITH THIS PERFORMANCE SO THAT YOU ALL ENJOY YOURSELVES.
I could finally do it well while I was learning
To think of my audience
and have fun.
been teaching me for these past six years.
It's alright
I'm not scared.
IT STARTS WITH A CHING AND THE NEXT IS A TAP—
STRAIGHTEN THE NAILS AND...
...OH MY.
Because you have always

That my beloved teacher is
more wonderful than anyone else
I want to prove it
clap
clap
clap
waaah

IT WAS REALLY, REALLY PRETTY——!
NICE WORK, BIG SISTER!
Th...That was the first time I could play it start t♯ finish without any mistakes!!
THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME OUT, YOU TWO——!!
Squeeze
...WHAT WAS THAT PERFORMANCE JUST NOW?
FATHER——
AOI

Pat
YOU DID IT REALLY WELL!
YOU TOO, REIICHIROU.
Squeeze
WAH!
I KNEW WHEN I DRANK THE TEA THAT AOI BREWED FOR ME AS SOON AS I ARRIVED HOME.
Ahh.
THANK YOU FOR RAISING AOI TO BE A LADY.

Thank goodness.
I'm glad that my father told him that
Then it is all solved...
—Now I will be able to retire from my position as well
NOW WE WILL HAVE ONE LAST WORD FROM SAKUJI-SAMA
SEE, I TOLD YOU! I SAID THAT YOU HAD NO NEED TO PACK YOUR THINGS!
YES IT WAS VERY WONDER-FUL.
EH...
REIICHIROU
HURRY UP AND COME OVER HERE
THERE IS SOMEONE I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU ALL TODAY.
Why is Reiichirou going on the stage too?

HE WILL BE WORKING WITH ME AT MY PLACE FROM TODAY ONWARDS.
HE IS SONOMIYA REIICHIROU-KUN
HE HAS BEEN HELPING OUT IN HIS OWN WAY FOR A LONG TIME, BUT
WITH THE OPENING OF OUR NEW DIVISION, HE WILL NOW BE A TRUE MEMBER OF OUR TEAM.
I WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO FRANCE VERY SHORTLY. BUT
I WILL BE AT EASE IF I HAVE HIM WITH ME
What is he saying?
dump

Is this what his dismissal was about?
It's no good. My head is full of confusion.
That isn't something to celebrate about
No.
WHOOSH...
AOI-SAMA!
My chest
So Reiichirou will be going with my father to France?
I DIDN'T KNOW
THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE? I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU
I WANTED TO TAL-
feels like it's being torn apart
Umm...
No, that's not it.
THAT YOU WANTED TO QUIT...
So in other words...

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR KOTO PRACTICE...
I AM SORRY FOR TAKING SO LONG TO TELL YOU THIS.
"ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT LEAVING? EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE NO PROS-PECTS?"
I SENT MASTER A LETTER ABOUT IT, BUT...
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE MARUYA FAMILY AND BECOME INDEPENDENT
"YES."
"THEN, COME WITH ME. I WANT YOUR INTELLIGENCE TOO."
"EH...?"
"JEEZ. WHY ARE YOU SO RE-SERVED!?"
"YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE, AL-RIGHT?"
"BECAUSE YOU'RE MY KID, TOO."

SO THAT WAS IT
REICHI-ROU...
I'M SORRY
I DIDN'T- I DIDN'T REALIZE ANY OF IT
while I was always relying on you,
you had your own problems to worry about all that time
I just kept taking from you
without giving anything back in return
I am so worthless

...YOU REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE IT, DID YOU?
I AM THE ONE WHO HAS RECEIVED SOMETHING FROM YOU.
EH?
"REIICHIROU,"
YOU WILL BECOME A PERSON SUITABLE TO BE A SONOMIYA."

I
"YES, MOTHER."
always
lived in a way so that I could become "the family successor" No matter what doubts I had
"EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ONLY A GEISHA WOMAN'S CHILD,"
"YOU ARE YOUR F THER'S ONLY SON."
However...
"SO..."
"YOU DON'T NEED TO SUC- CEED HIM ANY- MORE."
"YOUR FATHER HAS FALLEN INTO DEBT, SO HE HAD TO RELINQUISH HIS COURT RANK."
"LISTEN, REICHIROU."
"GET OUT OF HERE."

What should I live for now?
That was the first time I realised I was nothing
In the beginning,
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TWO. THIS IS MY DAUGHTER AOI.
WHAT, YOU HAVE NO PLACE TO GO TO, KID?
Actually, I felt a bit unsympathetic towards you.
you were getting bad grades
and I tutored you to fix all of that.

You,
who gave me lots of love.
But I knew you were worried about your position in life, too
And yet,
you smiled
HEY YOU KNOW.
EVERY DAY HAS BEEN FUN SINCE YOU CAME HERE, REIICHIROU!
AND I'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH MY STUDIES BETTER THAN BEFORE...
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE WITH ME, REIICHIROU.

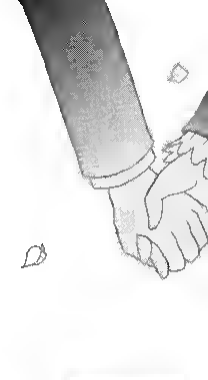
I DECIDED IT ON MY OWN BUT
WOULD YOU PLEASE WAIT FOR ME?
Ahh
What a sly person.
...YOU REALLY DID DECIDE IT ON YOUR OWN.
SO I WILL LEAVE HERE AND LEARN ABOUT SOCIETY.
AND THEN I WILL RETURN WHEN I HAVE BECOME A MAN WHO SUITS YOU.
THIS IS MY PLAN.
AOI-SAMA.
I LOVE YOU.

Even though
he knew that
he I would
definitely
take his
hand.

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU.

My father was just about to depart.
HUH? WHY WOULD I SUDDENLY TAKE REIICHIROU WITH ME TO FRANCE?
I WAS TALKING ABOUT HIM TAKING OVER MY FORMER CHORES (LIKE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS AS THE PRESIDENT) HERE IN TOKYO

ISN'T IT FINE? THE PARTY THAT AOI RAN ON HER OWN WAS A SUCCESS
Huhhh ?!
AND YOU PROBABLY FEEL LIKE YOU NEED A BREAK TOO, REIICHIROU
WHAT'S THAT...
BUT I ALREADY PREPARED MY LUGGAGE!!



I returned with teary eyes

Somehow we both succeeded in getting caught up in dad's plan
AOI-SAMA?! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
WELL... I HAD PREPARED MYSELF FOR IT BUT...
I WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF I WAS REALLY SEPARATED FROM YOU, SO...
I'M GLAD!
EXCUSE ME,
AOI-SAMA

Wh...
...I have been holding back all this time but...
Wh...
Glass
Bluuuush
It seems as though I am still just a child...
!
The light pink
dancing flowers of that Taisho Spring

LET US GO TOGETHER,
MY LADY.
From now on
and the hand that holds mine,
is the same as usual, but
Rena Demo Classic/ End

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put into these releases!
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- Kouga Crusade
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HEY YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT A BIG GROUP SO WHY DON'T YOU STOP BEING SICK AND WORK ALREADY?
I know you have school and work but you need to work on this too!
.....
.....
CAN YOU GO AND WORK ON THAT CHAPTER ALREADY?
SO? FEELING BETTER NOW?
UH...?
KYAAA AAAA!
URGH...
Stop being such a sissy!
HEY SAY SOMETHI-
THUD
GYAAAAAAA!
OH GOD DON'T DIE ON ME! WE HAVE A BUNCH OF CHAPTERS THAT NEED TO BE WORKED ON!!
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!!!
AAAHHHHH!
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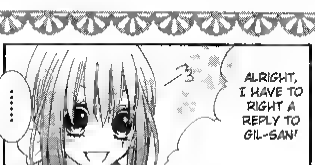
THE EXTRA MANGA STRIP'S START FROM THIS PAGE ONWARDS!
I WANTED TO TRY TO DRAW A MODERN DAY GIRL OUTFIT JUST ONCE.

About the Strongest Twins

I have a younger twin brother and sister
A lot of people say that I was just like them when I was their age but,
I WAS TEASED A LOT FOR BEING WEALTHY WHEN I WAS THEIR AGE
DID YOU TWO HAVE FUN AT SCHOOL?
YES!!
WHO MAKE FUN OF PEOPLE WHO CAME INTO WEALTH.
IT'S ESPECIALLY FUN WHEN WE USED OUR SKILLS TO DEFEAT THOSE IDIOTS
I think that I am not really like them.
They have received special education for gifted children from Reichirou since they were babies.


ALRIGHT, I HAVE TO RIGHT A REPLY TO GIL-SAN!
UMM, WHAT'S "YOKATTA" IN ENGLISH...?

AHH, AOI WAS SO CUTE!
I HAVE TO CONVEY MY FEELINGS TO HER.

yes!!
Good!!

My beloved Aoi
When I looked in your eyes, it was as though there were flowers blossoming from those lips of yours. I want embrace you right now. My heart already belongs to Aoi

SHE WROTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL LETTER. PLEASE BE SURE TO DROP IN FOR A VISIT IF YOU COME TO JAPAN AGAIN
O-ch-

HE WROTE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE DELICIOUS TEA THE OTHER DAY. I WAS DEEPLY MOVED BY YOUR WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY
OHH!

Their servants seems to have their work cut out for for them..!

Sama-nii has arrived!
WOWW SAMA-NII! WHAT'S WRONG?!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG AT ALL I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOU I CAME OVER TO HANG OUT WHILE I'M ON BREAK
I was waiting for this day to come
YO! AOI! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE WINTER!!
NOW, HOW ABOUT YOU GO ON A DATE WITH M-
BA--M!!!
GRRBS
IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU HERE NAOI-SAMA
OHH! THANK YOU SONOMIYA
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU MUST BE TIRED HAVING TO HOUSEHOLD CHORES AS WELL AS WORK OF A GENERAL EMPLOYEE RIGHT?
Before I knew it, these two looked like they were concerned about each other and they seem to be getting along well
LEAVE AOI TO ME AND GO AND HAVE A REST SO YOU LET GO OF ME!
Haha
NOW PLEASE LET GO OF ME!
YOU MUST BE TIRED ON YOUR DAY OFF FROM WORK I HAVE PREPARED A BED FOR YOU SO PLEASE REST

Sama-nii comes to visit more and more!

REIICHIROU!
SOMETHING INTERESTING HAPPENED AT SCHOOL TOD-
I'm protecting Aoi-sama from harmful insects like you.
More importantly why are you still here? Don't you finally have free time?
You came over again? You have quite a lot of free time.
Shut it! For the next regular meeting!
company president
REIICHIROU!
I TRIED TO MAKE SOME DUMPLINGS BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW THEY TASTE-
HE MUST LOVE REIICHIROU.
That two of them are always talking to each other!
They get along so well!
SAMA&LIKE-NII&SAMA COMES OVER TO VISIT REIICHIROU A LOT, DOESN'T HE?
I WON'T LOSE TO EVEN YOU, SAMA-NII!!!
HUH?!
Alright! That Sonomiya isn't here today!
AOI!
GO WITH ME ON-

The two of them afterwards

Reichirou and Samasuke retired after they succumbed to each other's sabotage
DAMN IT. I'LL COME AGAIN!
YES, PLEASE BE SURE TO COME AGAIN
DO YOUR BEST NOT TO PUSH YOURSELF AT WORK
SONOMIYA
WELL, FOR THE TIME BEING
CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING A REGULAR EMPLOYEE
HURRY UP AND GET TO THE LEVEL WHERE YOU CAN FACE ME
I might head on with you

CHUCKLE
...I'LL DO THAT EVEN WITHOUT YOU SAYING IT
AOI-SAMA? WHERE ARE Y
WAH!
AOI-SAMA
NAOI-SAMA HAS GONE HOME
WHAT IS WRONG? WHY ARE YOU SITTING IN A CORNER LIKE THIS...
IT'S NOTHING
IT'S JUST THAT REIICHIROU WAS TALKING WITH SAMA-NII ALL THIS TIME SO

POOF
WERE YOU JEALOUS?
!!
COUPLE
...AOI-SAMA,
pout pout
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
N-N-NO OF COURSE N-
AH!
He'll think that I'm a narrow-minded person!
He laughed!
NO SORRY FOR INTERPRETING IT IN A STRANGE WAY
TAP
SHOCK...
IT'S JUST THAT I WAS HAPPY
HAHA!

BECAUSE ALL THIS TIME I WAS
THE ONE WHO GOT JEALOUS BECAUSE OF YOU.
RE-
...PLE, SE LOOK AT ME.
SINCE A LONG AGO,
I HAVE NOT BEEN ENTRANCED BY ANYONE ELSE'S GAZE BUT YOURS

Ahh...
As I thought,
I am no match for Reiichirou
Even though I
said we would walk side by side now...
I WILL NOT LET YOU GO ANYMORE
SO MUCH SO THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE TIME TO BE JEALOUS

I won't lose to your feelings for me.

Manga extra/ End

I am only a young person who isn't skilful at drawing but if you enjoyed this even a little bit, I will be happy.

SHIMADA'S SMALL ROOM

Bowing

Happy Tears

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING UP TO HERE!

Finishing blow →

Aren't you suited to writing sad manga?

Train of thought: a bike that of an old man

Changes into ball + more straight away

Cannot play the role of the hero

I reflected on it and... This was no good.

Before I drew Renai Demo Classic, I was really bad at drawing romance.

Manager-sama

UNFORTUNATELY YOUR STORYBOARD WAS DROPPED AT THE MEETING...

THE MAIN REASON IS

The manga won't be published in the magazine if it does not pass this meeting.

It's lacking LOVE, isn't it?

Roarrr, my love power is burning!!

I thought the first thing is draw love! and when I did that, this work was born.

There will be love in this story from the title onwards!

*Renai

But while I was drawing, Aoi and Reiichirou began to move around easily on the pages.

The power of characters is amazing, isn't it? I thought yet again that it was fun to draw manga while I continued to draw this series.

I finally realized, Ohh so this is LOVE? and had fun drawing it.

I HAVE TO THANK YOU ALL!

My fr end who has mysterious supernatural powers

I have a good feeling so it's alright! It will appear!

And to my friends who I could always laugh and be happy with

Let's buy it and read it.

The Flower

Let me have some sake!

It's fine as the twins in there more.

Do your best!

Here, have some stew

Super!

mother

Favorite food

And to my family who have been taking care of me

I really am indebted to you, manager.

I love you!

Manager Kurachi-sama, all of the editorial department, to everyone who published my work into a comic,

That's amazing! That really makes it seem like a shoujo manga!!

That's it

HOW ABOUT YOU TRY DOING ONE WITH THE TWO OF THEM?

THIS IS A SHOUJO MANGA.

The pile of information I received

And to you reading this manga now

Well then, thank you very much!

I really am ecstatic that I was given this opportunity...

I think that I want to write more stories where people can say that this is "interesting!"

On a certain day in April year 2011.

I would be happy if you could send me your thoughts amongst other things~ ♡

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